

REMARKS

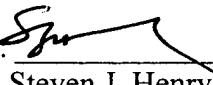
This responds to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, which requested that Applicant resubmit a listing of claims corresponding to elected species A, and Figures 2-8. Although Applicant contends that the listing of claims submitted in the Preliminary Amendment and Response to Election Requirement mailed November 10, 2003 does correspond to elected species A, Applicant hereby submits claims 1-25 and 43-44 as corresponding to species A, and Figures 2-8. Consideration of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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